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Colonel Charles J. Fiala, Jr. Commander & District Engineer

Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr. became the commander and district engineer for the Baltimore Engineer District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, July 28, 2000. Prior to his Baltimore assignment, he attended the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., and graduated in June with a master of science degree in national security strategy.

As district engineer, Fiala oversees engineering, construction and real estate activities for the Army, Air Force and certain other Department of Defense activities in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Northern Virginia. Fiala is also responsible for water resources development activities within the drainage basin of the upper Chesapeake Bay. This includes a six-state area and the District of Columbia.

Fiala was commissioned into the Army after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1978. He earned a master's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University in 1986. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. Fiala is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Fiala's service includes numerous command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. He commanded the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.; served as the operation officer (S-3) in the 12th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division in Mannheim, Germany; commanded C Company, 11th Engineer Battalion; and served in the 19th Engineer Battalion and 522nd Engineer Company.

Other assignments include two tours on the Army staff in the Pentagon, first as the installation and environmental program analyst in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, Program, Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, and as the executive officer in the Resource Analysis and Integration Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operation and Plans. He also served as the executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, and Seventh Army in Heidelberg, Germany, and as the deputy resident engineer and project officer in the Luke Air Force Base, Arizona Resident Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District.

Among his military decorations are the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster) and the Parachute Badge.